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REMARKS 25X1

1. On 10 June 1952, the transfer of the Soviet offices from the restricted Babelsberg area near Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) to Wuensdorf-Zossen (N 53/Z 91) was completed. [redacted] on 11 June, the confusion regarding organization and quartering of the offices had increased. (1) Prior to that date, the following details were discernible: a group of buildings about 3.5 km north of the intersection of Highway No 96 and Zehrendorfer Strasse housed the Soviet tribunal, the promkombine (Administrative Office for industrial products), the Kech and construction bureaus from Potsdam and restaurants. (2) Another group of buildings west of Highway No 96, 1 km north of the aforementioned intersection were used as the central warehouses. The Lutz Kasorn: east of Highway No 96 housed a Soviet office whose chief was Aleksander Ippovovich Toshchev. Another officer of this office was Colonel Kolokolov (fnu). A building northeast of the above mentioned intersection housed the generals' supply depot, the generals' club with mess and kitchen. House No 97 near the Panzertruppschule housed depot No 5. The basements of a group of buildings south of Zehrendorfer Strasse housed the central depot of the administration of Soviet warehouses. [redacted] the Generals Churkov and Ivanov were billeted in the vicinity of the above mentioned intersection. Major Andreyev (fnu), officer in charge of personnel in the Soviet Zone of Germany was billeted in house No 37, which is near the mess. Andreyev allegedly was the most influential man, feared even by colonels and generals. [redacted] General Anizimov (fnu) who, allegedly, was the chief administrative officer of the troops in the Soviet Zone of Germany, is also stationed at the post. Major Kozarenkov (fnu) was identified as chief of the "base" with the Administrative Section of Aleksandrovski. (3)
2. The entrance to the Wuensdorf restricted area to the so-called Kriegsschule was always guarded by 6 to 8 soldiers. All officers including colonels detached to Wuensdorf, were authorized to enter the restricted area only upon clearance with the camp commandant. They sometimes had to wait up to three hours. [redacted]
3. At 3 p.m. on 11 June, a unit with six 85-mm AA guns and a special trailer with a van-like, high superstructure carrying a canvas-covered device in the middle of the roof drove from Highway No 96 into the Zehrendorfer Strasse. [redacted] (5)
4. On 11 June, the Panzertruppschule on the east side of Highway No 96 and on the north side of Zehrendorfer Strasse quartered 2,000 to 2,500 troops. Sentries were red-

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bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was unusually intensive traffic of sedans and trucks in the billeting area between 7 and 11 June. Twenty railroad cars with upholstered furniture and machine parts arrived at the installation on 7 June. (6)

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5. On 12 June, the Lutz Kaserne on the east side of Highway No 96 quartered about 1,000 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. several soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. There was no training activity. However, intensive traffic of motor vehicles and railroad cars was noticed from and to, the installation.

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6. On 11 and 13 June, the Hindenburg Kaserne on the east side of Highway No 96 and the south side of Zehronsdorfer Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. No training activity was noticed.

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7. On 11 June, the Cambrai Kaserne southeast of the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,000 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. There was intensive vehicular traffic.

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8. On 10 June, five buildings of the Stammlager Zossen were occupied by troops. Four 85-mm AA guns and 4 AA machine guns were seen near the quarters.

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	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
First call	3:45 p.m.	
Reveille	4 p.m.	
Physical exercise	4:05 p.m.	4:25 p.m.
Dressing	4:25 p.m.	4:40 p.m.
Dinner	4:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Cultural indoctrination	5:40 p.m.	7:10 p.m.
Free time	7:20 p.m.	8:20 p.m.
First hour of instruction	8:30 p.m.	9:20 p.m.
Second hour of instruction	9:30 p.m.	10:20 p.m.
Supper	10:30 p.m.	11:10 p.m.
Study	11:20 p.m.	11:50 p.m.
Third hour of instruction	12 a.m.	12:50 a.m.
Fourth hour of instruction	1 a.m.	1:50 a.m.
Fifth hour of instruction	2 a.m.	2:50 a.m.
Sixth hour of instruction	3 a.m.	3:50 a.m.
Seventh hour of instruction	4 a.m.	4:50 a.m.
Eighth hour of instruction	5 a.m.	5:50 a.m.
Cleaning of weapons	6 a.m.	7 a.m.

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Washing and dressing	7 a.m.	7:25 a.m.
Morning inspection	7:30 a.m.	7:50 a.m.
Breakfast	8 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Evening call	8:40 a.m.	8:50 a.m.
Taps	9 a.m.	
Guard mount	6:10 p.m.	
Sick-call	5 p.m.	7 p.m.

25X1 Political indoctrination and political instruction is given during the first instruction hours; Ponomarenko, 3ds Lieutenant Colonel, chief of staff [redacted] 25X1

10. The reoccupation of Wunsdorf had not been completed on 13 and 14 June. The intensive vehicular traffic that started after the end of May still continued. An unusually large number of sedans with high-ranking officers and, newly observed motor vehicles [redacted] A heavily guarded AA battery was observed about 500 meters north of the Wunsdorf railroad station, 100 meters west of the railroad line.

11. During the period from 9 to 14 June, there was intensive traffic of officers and uniformed women between the Lutz Kaserne on the east side of Highway No 96 and the western section of the Panzertruppenschule. Most of the garage doors in the Lutz Kaserne were open daily. No heavy weapons or trucks were seen in the garages. (6)

12. Between 6 and 7 p.m. on 12 June, six 85-mm AA guns and several trucks were loaded at the Wunsdorf railroad station. (9) On 13 June, about 40 new, unnumbered trucks were unloaded. A tent camp of 25 to 30 tents with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] were seen just north of the supply depot near buildings 18 and 22 on 14 June.

13. At 11:30 a.m. on 22 June, a train with 10 tank trucks stood at the Zossen railroad station. [redacted] 25X1

14. Between 9 and 14 June, the northern section and central section of the Stammlager Zossen appeared to be almost vacant. The gates were closed and no sentries were noticed. Only a few soldiers were seen in the billeting area. During the same period of observation, the southern section of the installation quartered an AAA unit and a unit of soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The latter unit furnished the sentries. Four heavy AA guns were emplaced in the billeting area. [redacted] 25X1

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Comments.

- (1) The report furnishes the first indication as to the distribution of the Soviet offices of the GOFG which moved from Potsdam to Wuenstorf.
- (2) The group of buildings mentioned here are keyed to sketch

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Soviet offices are so far located as follows: the Soviet tribunal is housed in about 16 houses just north of Camp Zossen, in a group of buildings referred to in the sketch to reference as settlement; the promkombine is probably housed in a building just east of this settlement; the Kech and Potsdam construction bureau are believed to be in group of buildings No 12 west of the Wuenstorf-Zossen road; and the restaurants are in a building just north of the settlement near the road. The information of source of paragraphs 8 and 14 makes it appear possible that an additional AAA unit is stationed in Stammlager Zossen.

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- (3) The numbered sections are keyed to a previous sketch. The "base" with the stores is housed in buildings 18 through 24 is the ration supply depot. A.I. Toshchev has been known since 1950 as lieutenant colonel and holding a key position with the commercial section of the GOFG. Colonel Kolokolov (fnu) was mentioned in December 1951 as the new supply officer for Land Brandenburg. The general's supply depot and the general's mess may be housed in building No 37, the central depot and the administrative office for Soviet warehouses in the basement of the former Sportschule, i.e. buildings Nos 103 through 110. the billets of army General V.I. Chuikov were in a building on the western perimeter of the Hindenburg Kaserne. One Aleksandrovski (fnu) of unreported rank, has repeatedly been reported to have been supply officer with the Third Gds Mecz Army in Luckenwalde as well as Wuenstorf. He and his office, was reported to have moved to Justerbog-Altes Lager in the end of May. It is possible that part of the office remained at Wuenstorf.
- (4) The report refers to the main entrance at the intersection of Highway No 96 and the Klausdorf-Zehrendorf road. in World War II, belonged to the 226th Arty Regt of the 1st Rifle Div. The division was identified in the Koenigsberg area after the war. No connections between the division and the Soviet Zone of Germany are discernible.
- (5) the unit is a battery of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the IV Arty Corps from Potsdam which was transferred together with the GOFG.
- (6) the tank repair shop remained in buildings Nos 60 through 67 of the Panzertruppenschule, while the personnel of the plant was said to have moved from the billeting area adjoining to the north into buildings Nos 70 through 75 of the Lutz Kaserne.

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The other buildings of the Panzertruppenschule are believed to have predominantly been reoccupied by offices of the GOFG as is indicated by the arrival of upholstered furniture. Almost all of the motor vehicles observed belong to the GOFG. In addition to the personnel of the tank repair shop, there is presumably headquarters personnel of the GOFG stationed in the Lutz Kaserne. The latter information accounts for the intensive traffic of military personnel to the Panzertruppenschule [REDACTED] 25X1

The Hindenburg Kaserne is also believed to quarter headquarters personnel of the GOFG.

- 25X1 (7) [REDACTED] the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFG was transferred from the Cambrai Kaserne to the Kaserne Wildpark-West, Potsdam. The present 25X1 report contains no indication as to the new occupation of the Cambrai Kaserne.

25X1 [REDACTED] truck [REDACTED] observed north of the supply depot, near the tent camp belongs to headquarters troops of the Eighth Gds Army. 25X1

- 25X1 (8) [REDACTED] the 229th Gds Arty Regt of the 199th Light Arty Brig of the Third Gds Mecz Army in Kummerdorf.

- 25X1 (9) [REDACTED] a Soviet train went from Kummerdorf to Menden on 13 June 1952. [REDACTED] It is therefore believed that, in connection with the relief of the AAA batteries of the 62d AAA Div (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army hitherto emplaced in Menden, by elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div of the IV Arty Corps, elements of the batteries of the 62d AAA Div (US) first moved to Wustrow and, from there, returned to the Jueterbog-Kummerdorf area.

- 25X1 (10) [REDACTED] the tank trucks belong to the Rear Services of the 18th Mecz Div and, possibly, came from the 53d Central Repair Shop in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide.

- 25X1 (11) [REDACTED] the convoy belongs to the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the GOFG. 25X1

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